ment to the post was made in consultation with Union Public Service Commission and Appointments Committee of Cabinet. As regards the post of Chief Engineer (Level-II), as per the composite method suggested by UPSC, departmental Superintending Engineers (Civil) with 6 years regular service in the grade are also being considered.

Misleading Statements by Indian Firms to Foreign Embassies

2298. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Embassy in West Germany has recently received a number of complaints from industrial firms located there against some companies/firms in India for giving them false and misleading statements;

(b) whether the foreign mission had taken up the matter with concerned Indian authorities ;

(c) whether any subsequent remedial action has been initiated ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) what further steps are likely to be taken to avoid payment of damages that might arise out of such misleading statements by Indian parties?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise, Sir.

The Indian Embassy in West Germany has not recently received complaints specifying 'false and misleading statements' of Indian firms which could lead to payment of damages. However, from time to time the Embassy receives complaints of a commercial nature which are dealt with according to the usual procedures.

Extension of services of Senior Officers retiring in Department of Telecommunications and Posts

2299. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of senior officers in the rank of Secretaries/Additional Secretaries, departmental heads of the Departments of Telecommunications and Posts are likely to be retired on attaining the age of superannuation within July, 1990;

(b) whether Government would extend their service period at least for a year to tide over the difficulties within the present set up so that suitable replacements could be found out; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As a matter of policy no extension beyond the age of superannuation is allowed. However, in exceptional circumstances and in the public interest, the proposal for extension may draw the attention of the Government.